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Ms. Debbie Conway  
Superintendent  
Fort Stanwix National Monument  
112 E. Park Street  
Rome, NY 13440

Rated: LO

Dear Ms. Conway:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Draft General Management Plan for the Fort Stanwix National Monument (CEQ#20080365) in Rome, New York. This review was conducted in accordance with Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 7609, PL 91-604 12 (a), 84 Stat. 1709) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Fort Stanwix National Monument is a reconstructed Revolutionary War-era fort, with related outworks, built on the footprint of the original Fort Stanwix. The site was established as a national monument in 1935, however, reconstruction of the fort only started in 1974, with the fort opening to the public in 1976. The National Monument site occupies approximately 16 acres and is bordered by main thoroughfares surrounded by a mixture of commercial, residential, light industrial and institutional land uses, none of which were present during the fort's period of occupation. The site of the fort, but not the reconstructed structure, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark, significant for the events that transpired there during the American Revolution. The general management plan will define the basic management philosophy that will guide park management decisions over the next 15 to 20 years and will direct the actions required to support that philosophy.

The DEIS describes two alternative management plans; the no action alternative, and the preferred alternative. The preferred alternative would significantly broaden the context of interpretation and collaborative heritage development and preservation initiatives involving local and regional partners. This would include expanding interpretation to emphasize the relationships between the fort and Oriskany Battlefield, the French and Indian War, and the treaties of Fort Stanwix. It would also expand working relationships with partners such as the Oneida Nation and the State of New York.

Based on our review, we do not anticipate that implementation of the preferred alternative will result in significant adverse impacts to the environment. Accordingly, consistent with EPA policy, we have rated this DEIS as LO, indicating that we lack objections to the project's implementation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Filippelli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

John Filippelli, Chief  
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cc: James O'Connell, National Park Service